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Dear Mr. Murphy,

Thank you for your note of February 17 and the attached clipping. I want to assure you that I am concerned about the Agency's relationships with the academic community and that I believe, as you do, there are important questions of principle involved.

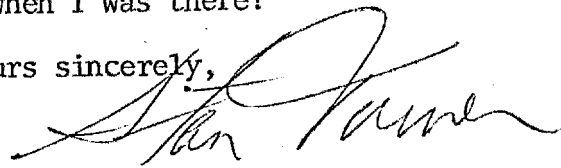
Certainly, it seems to me, one of the most important principles involved is that there should be no inconsistency between the objectives of the academic community and the Central Intelligence Agency -- the search for the truth in regard to world affairs and the need for the U.S. Government to benefit from the knowledge of the scholarly institutions of this country. To divorce the Agency, which provides advice and analyses to the highest levels of our government, from scholars and their product would seem to me to be the height of folly. I believe our mutual objective should be to strengthen that relationship on bases that are agreeable to both the government and the academic institutions.

To that end, I assure you I will give the matter my attention and that we will, as you suggest, examine the matter with care.

One final point: your editorial indicates you may not have seen the reply of my predecessor, Mr. George Bush, to Professor Van Alstyne. I am therefore enclosing, for your information, both Professor Van Alstyne's letter and Mr. Bush's reply.

Incidentally, I am intrigued by your deduction from the Amherst Student report that we shared the same room at the Chi Psi house. I can believe that the pipes and the radiators were the same, but that mattress was already 30 years old when I was there!

Yours sincerely,



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Admiral, U.S. Navy

Enclosure